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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MILI, BC, UK, US
SUBJECT: AMMUNITION FOR BOTSWANA

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM FCO MARCH 31 REGARDING SHIPMENT BY WINCHESTER COMPANY OF 70,000 ROUNDS OF 5.56MM AMMUNITION FOR THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT. FCO SAID THE AMMUNITION IS ENROUTE BY SHIP TO THE UK AND IS EXPECTED HERE BY THE WEEKEND. THE CROWN AGENTS HAVE PLANNED TO TRANSFER THE CARGO TO A SHIP LEAVING HERE FOR SOUTH AFRICA ON APRIL 4. IT IS UNDERSTOOD NOW, HOWEVER, THAT WINCHESTER WILL NOT ALLOW THE CARGO TO BE TRANSFERRED UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN PAID BY STERLING ARMAMENTS. STERLING ARMAMENTS CLAIMS IT HAS ALREADY PAID WINCHESTER THROUGH THE BANK OF SCOTLAND, BUT ALTHOUGH THE TWO COMPANIES HAVE EXCHANGED INFORMATION BY TELEX, WINCHESTER REMAINS UNSATISFIED. THE SUM IS 4,795 POUNDS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY WHICH BOTH WE AND THE BRITISH HAVE ATTACHED TO THIS SHIPMENT, THE FCO ASKS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONTACT WINCHESTER IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAR UP THIS LAST MINUTE SNAG.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATELY ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

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